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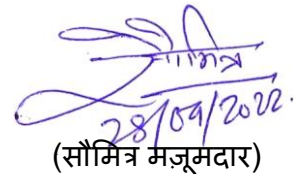
Members of Commercial Sub-Committee (As per List)
वाणिज्यिक उप समिति के सभी सदस्य (संलग्न सूचीनुसार)

विषय: वाणिज्यिक उप-समिति की 45^{वीं} बैठक का कार्यवृत्त ।

Subject: 45th meeting of Commercial Sub-Committee – Minutes.

उत्तर क्षेत्रीय विद्युत समिति वाणिज्यिक की उप-समिति की 45^{वीं} बैठक दिनांक 29.08.2022 को वेब-एक्स विडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से आयोजित की गई थी। बैठक का कार्यवृत्त उत्तर क्षेत्रीय विद्युत समिति की वेबसाइट (<http://164.100.60.165>) पर उपलब्ध है। यदि कार्यवृत्त पर कोई दिप्पणी हो तो कार्यवृत्त जारी करने के एक सप्ताह के अन्दर इस कार्यालय को भेजे ।

45th Commercial Sub-Committee meeting of NRPC was held on 29.08.2022 via video conferencing. Minutes of the meeting are available on NRPC website (<http://164.100.60.165>). Any comments on the minutes may kindly be submitted within a week of issuance of the minutes.


28/09/2022

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MINUTES

OF

45th MEETING OF COMMERCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF NRPC

The 45th meeting of Commercial Sub-Committee of NRPC was held through video conferencing on 29th August, 2022 under the chairmanship of Member Secretary, NRPC.

ITEM-1 Confirmation of Minutes of 44rd Meeting of Commercial Sub Committee of NRPC

- 1.1 EE(C), NRPC informed that the minutes of 44th meeting of Commercial Sub-committee held on 14th February, 2022 were issued on 28th March, 2022 vide letter No. NRPC/Comml/210/CSC(43)/2022. No comment has been received on the minutes.
- 1.2 The Sub-committee confirmed the minutes of the 44th CSC meeting of NRPC.

ITEM-2 Non-Opening of Letter of Credit

- 2.1 **(BRPL and BYPL):** Representative of BYPL informed that there is no outstanding amount, as on date, in favor of BYPL and dues are regularly being cleared up with PGCIL. There is difficulty in opening LC due to credit limitations with the bank. Further, BYPL does not have sufficient working capital for the bank to open LC of required amount. He assured that they will open LC at the earliest possible.
- 2.2 **NDMC:** Representative of PGCIL informed that NDMC has not made payment from Nov'20 to March'22 since PPA with NTPC Dadri-1 was expired on Nov'2020. NDMC allocation has changed, recently, and it is making regular payments to PGCIL since April'2022. As of the date, there is outstanding amount of approx. ₹7 crore after adjusting past bills.
- 2.3 **JKPCL:** Representative of JKPCL informed that they have taken loans for ₹14164.257 Cr from PFC and REC and they have converted total outstanding amount upto May'22 into installments where 1st installment has already been disbursed. Further they are in the process of taking loan of ₹7500 Cr from PFC for liquidating the current dues. So, all of their dues will be cleared soon.
- 2.4 **PSPCL:** Representative of PGCIL informed that an LC of 210% is required from PSPCL since they have not signed Tripartite agreement as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020.

Representative of PSPCL informed that they have opened LC of 105%. Further, dues are cleared within due date and as such there are no outstanding dues from PSPCL. Opening of LC of 210% is unnecessary burden on PSPCL.

MS, NRPC advised PSPCL to expedite Tripartite agreement failing which it is liable to open Letter of Credit or provide an acceptable instrument of payment security mechanism for an amount equal to 210% of the average amount of the first bill of a year as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and losses), Regulations, 2020.

- 2.5 MS, NRPC stated that DICs/ DISCOMs are required to open of Letter of Credit or such other instrument of payment security mechanism for the required amount as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and losses), Regulations, 2020/ MoP (Late Payment Surcharge and Related Matters) Rules, 2022 and it must be adhered to by utilities. All defaulting agencies are requested to open LCs of the requisite amount at the earliest failing which their power may be regulated as per regulations/rules. Sub-Committee agreed.

ITEM-3 Delay in release of payment of energy bills of NJHPS and RHPS by its Beneficiaries (Agenda by SJVN)

- 3.1 Representative of SJVN informed total outstanding of SJVN as on 17.08.2022 is ₹1187.05 Cr. from the Beneficiaries of NJHPS & RHPS. The major defaulting entity is JKPCCL, PSPCL and UPPCL which have not cleared their outstanding dues.
- 3.2 As stated at point 2.3 above, JKPCCL have taken loans from PFC and REC and they have converted total outstanding amount upto May'22 into installments as per MoP (LPS and related matters) rules, 2022 where 1st installment has already been disbursed.
- 3.3 SJVNL has taken up the matter of outstanding dues with PSPCL and UPPCL bilaterally.
- 3.4 The sub-committee urged the utilities to clear their outstanding dues at the earliest as per provisions in the PPA/Regulations/ MoP LPS rules.

ITEM-4 Default in release of outstanding dues by THDCIL's Beneficiary: (Agenda by THDCIL)

- 4.1 The sub-committee urged JKPCCL to clear their outstanding dues at the earliest as per provisions in the PPA/Regulations/ MoP LPS rules.

ITEM-5 Payment of Energy Bills for the month of April to May' 2020 during locked period and short payment against arrear of tariff bills as per CERC order dated 26.11.2019 by PSPCL (Agenda by PPCL)

- 5.1 **Payment of Energy Bills for the month of April to May'2020 during lockdown period:**
- 5.1.1 Representative of PPCL informed that payment for power supply from PPS-III Bawana for the period from April 2020 to May 2020 has not been made by PSPCL.
- 5.1.2 Representative of PSPCL informed that Bills for the month of April'2020 and May'2020 pertains to force majeure period and have given a force majeure notice. They have informed PPCL that they are ready to make payment if PPCL provides 25% rebate as per the MoP letter no. 11/16/2020-Th-II dated 15.05.2020.
- 5.1.3 Representative of PPCL informed that PSPCL had given force majeure notice on 30.03.2020 which was rejected by PPCL on 06.04.2020.
- 5.1.4 SE, NRPC stated that if force majeure notice was refused by PPCL, then they may refer the clause of arbitration as per PPA and resolve the issue bilaterally.
- 5.1.5 MS, NRPC added that MoP letter no. 11/16/2020-Th-II dated 15.05.2020 is applicable only to CPSUs under MoP and their Joint Ventures. Therefore, it is not applicable to PPCL. He opined that PSPCL may clear energy bills for the months of April and May 2020.

5.2 Short Payment against arrear of tariff bills raised in accordance with CERC order dated 26.11.2019:

- 5.2.1 Representative of PSPCL informed that on 24.12.2019, PPCL raised revised energy bills on account of Tariff for the period 2014-19 as per CERC Tariff Order dated 26.11.2019 in Petition No. 221/GT/2015. PPCL levied interest upto 24.12.2019 whereas CERC Tariff Order was issued on 26.11.2019.
- 5.1.1 PPCL is of opinion that carrying cost should have been levied only up to the date of issue of CERC Tariff Order, i.e., 26.11.2019 whereas PSTCL is of the opinion that it should be levied upto date of issue of first installment bill since there is no such mention on date of applicability of carrying cost in the tariff order.
- 5.1.2 MS, NRPC opined that interest may be levied only up to the date of issue of CERC Tariff Order, i.e., 26.11.2019.

ITEM-6 Applicability of Intra-State transmission charges (STU charges) for long term access of the capacity of generating units of ISGS embedded in state transmission system of Uttar Pradesh (UP) (Agenda by UPPTCL)

- 6.1 Representative of UPPTCL stated that evacuation of power from shared projects (namely Rihand Hydro, Matatila, Khara, Vishnu Prayag and Alaknanda) and central sector generating project (NAPP) is being done through Intra-State transmission system of UP and further delivery of share to other State beneficiaries through ISTS system and, therefore, Intra-State transmission charges of UP should also be applicable in addition to ISTS transmission charges for evacuation of power from these projects to beneficiaries (except for UP).
- 6.2 MS, NRPC stated that the issue of sharing of Intra-State Transmission charges w.r.t. NAPS have already been settled by CTU. Now, matter of applicability of Intra-State Transmission charges w.r.t. these shared projects may be discussed only.
- 6.3 UPPTCL apprised that earlier, Intra-State Transmission charges of UP were not separately billed by UPPCL to the beneficiaries rather were clubbed in energy charges. Subsequent to separation of UTPCL on 01.04.2007 from UPPCL, transmission charges and energy charges were bifurcated and, ever since, the beneficiaries of states other than U.P. are regularly paying energy charges for their share in these shared projects to UPSEB/ UPPCL later on to UPJVNL whereas transmission charges are not being paid to UPPTCL since 01.04.2007.
- 6.4 MS, NRPC stated that it appears that UPPTCL is not seeking deemed ISTS status for these lines but only seeking applicability of Intra-State Transmission charges from (Rihand, Matatila, Khara, Vishnu Prayag Hydro stations) to their beneficiaries (other than UP). HE enquired why UPPTCL have not taken up the issue with their beneficiaries in last 15 years and why have this issue not
- 6.5 UPPTCL informed that it has raised bills for the period but it has turned in bad debt and now beneficiaries have asked to raise the matter at RPC forum to decide upon applicability of charges.
- 6.6 MS, NRPC asked to hold a separate meeting with beneficiaries of these shared projects from HP, MP & UK and NRLDC & NRPC secretariat to further discuss this issue.

Although, asked UPPTCL to submit clarification on the query whether UPPTCL has apprised state regulator of the pending payments in in any of ARR filed in last 15 years and state regulator comments, thereof. Moreover, provision of payment of Intra-State Transmission chares will also be need to be examined in respect of PPAs.

6.7 Sub-Committee agreed.

ITEM-7 Renewal PPAs in respect of Chamera-III & Parbati-III Power Stations by JKPCL (Agenda by NHPC)

7.1 Representative of NHPC informed that PPA in respect of Chamera-III & Parbati-III power stations have expired on 03.07.2017 and 05.06.2019 respectively. He urged the Sub-Committee to request JKPCL to either renew the PPAs, if JKPCL is willing to draw power from these stations or give-up the allocation at the earliest.

7.2 The sub-committee urged JKPCL to take a view on PPA renewal at the earliest.

(Agenda by NRLDC)

ITEM-8 Roadmap for Procurement and Installation of 5 Minute metering IEM

8.1 The Agenda Point could not be discussed due to the unavailability of representation from CTU.

ITEM-9 Non-compliance regarding reporting of change in CT/PT ratio by BBMB

9.1 Representative of NRLDC informed that BBMB is making changes in the CT/PT ratio or other changes related to accounting meters and these changes are not informed timely to NRLDC.

9.2 Representative of BBMB assured that they have instructed all their stations regarding strict compliance of timely sharing of information with NRLDC regarding any changes done in their end. BBMB representative also stated that 400/220kV ICT-2 at BBMB Panipat is a property of PGCIL and change in the CT ratio was done by PGCIL. PGCIL had assured BBMB regarding conveying the change in CT ratio to NRLDC, however it was not done so. They are also closely monitoring work related to change of CT/PT ratio in station and timely intimation of any work related to metering will be done to NRLDC. In case of Ballabgarh and Hisar substation, M/s Siemens was assigned the work of automation. M/s Seimens had wrongly connected the meters which resulted in sign reversal. The said issue was informed to M/s Siemens team and it was assured that proper care will be taken in future.

9.3 Sub-committee advised all constituents to report such changes to NRLDC immediately.

ITEM-10 Cyber security in AMR servers

10.1 Representative of NRLDC informed that in Northern region, around 70%-meter data are being received through AMR system. A meeting was organized between NRLDC/ PGCIL/ CTU on 11th May 2022 to discuss compliances of the cyber security requirement for the AMR system. Representative of PGCIL agreed to comply with all

the cyber security norms with respect to AMR system. Mails received from Cyber Swachhta Kendra or CISO, MoP are being forwarded to PGCIL with the request to take action at their end. He requested PGCIL to share the actions taken at their end.

- 10.2 Representative of PGCIL informed that PGCIL that they have procured Hardware firewall and the same will be implemented at NRLDC premises shortly. He also informed that they have hired external agency for ascertaining the vulnerability of software and hardware. In their assessment report, 23 points were raised out of which 19 points have been taken care of and 4 points needs to be updated in the report. They also stated that communication with third party (Kalki-tech) is going on regarding upgradation of AMR infrastructure as the current infrastructure has capacity to process only 2000 meters. PGCIL also informed that VAPT compliance require upgradation. The present hardware is more than 12 years old and has exhausted its life hence its needs upgradation or complete change of hardware and software system.

ITEM-11 Installation of IEM at Captive Power Plant, NFL & PSPCL Drawl Points (Small feeders)

- 11.1 Representative of NRLDC requested NFL to share the status of installation of CT/CVT at the yard along with the details of the meters.
- 11.2 Representative of NFL informed that the work from their end related to CT/CVT installation will be completed by October 2022, meanwhile they will start the process of procuring IEMs in coordination with CTU/Power grid.
- 11.3 Representative of PGCIL assured of full cooperation and sharing of all details to concerned person from NFL.

ITEM-12 Replacement/Rectification of faulty IEM meters & DCD

- 12.1 Representative of NRLDC stated that lists of faulty meters are continuously being sent to PGCIL and prompt action is required from PGCIL end in order to issue weekly correct processed meter data for accounting and loss calculation purpose.
- 12.2 Representative of PGCIL stated that they are continuously following up with the stations regarding replacement of faulty meters.

ITEM-13 Regular checking of Injection and Drawls of Utilities

- 13.1 Representative of NRLDC informed that the actual injection and drawl of various utilities is uploaded by NRLDC on weekly basis on <https://nrldc.in/commercial/sem-data>. He requested all utilities to cross verify their respective drawl and injection on regular basis. If any discrepancy is found then same may be intimated to NLRDC through portal <https://meterdiscrepancies.nrldc.in> within 15 days. Request for any revision in the energy accounting other than the portal submission shall not be considered by NRLDC.
- 13.2 Members noted the information.

ITEM-14 Status of DSM Charges

- 14.1 Representative of NRLDC requested JKPCL to expedite payment of dues from June 2022 at the earliest for smooth disbursement of pool accounts. Further, he requested other constituents to pay the deviation charges within due date so as to disburse the same to receivable constituents.
- 14.2 MS, NRPC advised all defaulting utilities to clear all outstanding DSM charges at the earliest. He further stated that all payable utilities should make timely payment to DSM Pool Account in accordance with CERC Regulations.

ITEM-15 Status of LC against Deviation Charges delayed payment

- 15.1 Representative of NRLDC appraised the status of default entities towards payment of deviation charges in FY 21-22. Further, requested all the utilities to adhere to the regulations towards opening of LC in case of default in payments to deviation pool account
- 15.2 The sub-committee advised all defaulting entities to open the LC for 110% of payable amount of deviation charges of FY 21-22

ITEM-16 Reactive Energy charges status

- 16.1 NRLDC representative intimated that, JKPCL has long pending outstanding against Reactive Energy charges to the tune of Rs.1902.32 Lakhs, however JKPCL has intimated to settle the outstanding up to 31-05-2022 is on monthly installment.
- 16.2 Since no representative of JKPCL was present in the meeting to update the status of the settlement of Reactive Energy Charge, Member secretary, NRPC requested JKPCL to settle the charges in line with the regulations.

ITEM-17 Congestion Charges

- 17.1 NRLDC Representative intimated that, JKPCL has long pending outstanding against Congestion charges to the tune of Rs.24179/-.
- 17.2 Since no representative from JKPCL was available in the meeting to update the status of the settlement of Reactive Energy Charge, Member secretary, NRPC requested JKPCL to settle the charges in line with the regulations.

ITEM-18 Reconciliation of Pool Accounts

- 18.1 Representative of NRLDC informed that a separate web portal poolar.nrl dc.in has been created in house for reconciliation of pool accounts and all the entities were provided with Username & Password to access the web portal to reconcile the accounts.
- 18.2 Monthly reconciliation statement upto July 2022 has been uploaded in the portal.
- 18.3 Representative of NRLDC informed that, reconciliation of pool accounts by Delhi, Punjab & Haryana is pending since beginning of the portal.

- 18.4 The sub-committee requested all Members of Pool Accounts (namely DSM, RE, Congestion charge) to reconcile the statement on monthly basis through the portal to avoid any dispute in future. In case reconciliation statements are not received with in the due date, the same would be considered as deemed reconciled.

ITEM-19 Status of Ancillary Services

- 19.1 Representative of NRLDC informed that RRAS & AGC Accounts issued upto week 18 of FY 2022-23 has been settled.
- 19.2 Members noted the information.

ITEM-20 Submission of Bank Account details for Disbursement of payments of Pool Accounts

- 20.1 Representative NRLDC requested Chandigarh & Railways to submit the bank account details at the earliest.
- 20.2 The sub-committee requested Chandigarh & Railways to provide bank account details at the earliest in order to get the timely payments from the pool accounts

ITEM-21 NRLDC Fee & Charges

- 21.1 NRLDC requested listed users to clear the outstanding amount against NRLDC Fee & Charges at the earliest.

ITEM-22 Reconciliation of NRLDC Fees and Charges

- 22.1 Representative of NRLDC stated that reconciliation statements of NRLDC Fees and Charges for Quarter-1 of F.Y. 2022-23 have been issued through the Fees and Charges web portal <https://fc.posoco.in/FnCWeb/#/landing> on 29.07.2022. Users are requested to download the same from “Reconciliation Dashboard” and upload the signed statement in the portal for reconciliation. The time line for uploading of signed statement was 13th Aug-2022. However, till date, only 14 listed users have uploaded the statement.
- 22.2 Representative of NRLDC requested all the entities to verify the Reconciliation statements and upload the duly signed copy as a normal practice. In case of non-receipt of any communication with in one week from commercial sub-committee meeting (i.e. till 05.09.2022), it will be presumed that statement stands reconciled.

ITEM-23 Status of Reconciliation STOA charges as on 16.08.22

- 23.1 Representative of NRLDC stated that reconciliation statements was not being received from utilities in a timely manner. He requested that all constituents to reconcile the statement on regular basis so as to avoid any dispute.
- 23.2 The sub-committee advised all concerned utilities to verify and send the signed reconciliation statement (issued on quarterly basis) to avoid any disputes in future.

ITEM-24 Status of Outstanding STOA Delay Payment Interest as on 16.08.22

- 24.1 Representative of NRLDC intimated the details of outstanding STOA delay payment interest. The applicant wise outstanding interest amount (computed till 16th Aug'2022) has been displayed.
- 24.2 The sub-committee requested all the defaulting entities to make interest payments at the earliest.